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SUBJ: DEPUTY SECRETARY'S APPEARANCE AT NATIONAL PRESS CLUB,
CANBERRA, AUGUST 4.

NATIONAL PRESS CLUB APPEARANCES NORMALLY CONSIST OF 25-30
MINUTE PRESENTATION OF SPEAKER'S CHOICE, FOLLOWED BY Q&A
SESSION OF 30-40 MINUTES WITH WORKING MEDIA MEMBERS ONLY
PARTICIPATING. TOTAL AUDIENCE EXPECTED IN EXCESS OF 100.
FOLLOWING ISSUES LIKELY TO BE RAISED IN Q&A SESSION:

ASSESSMENT OF JUST-COMPLETED ANZUS MEETING, RANGING ACROSS
THE WHOLE SPECTRUM OF US-AUSTRALIAN RELATIONS WITH EMPHASIS
OF DEFENSE AND FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES. SPECIFICALLY, MEDIA
IS EXPECTED TO ASK ABOUT INDIAN OCEAN/DIEGO GARCIA; COCKBURN
SOUND NAVAL FACILITY AND POSSIBILITY OF JOINT US-AUSTRALIAN
EXERCISES; JOINT BASES ON AUSTRALIAN SOIL; OMEGA; NPW VISITS;
SOVIET INTENTIONS IN SOUTHWEST PACIFIC; AMERICAN WILL TO
MAINTAIN PRESENCE IN THIS AREA POST-VIETNAM; AND US ARMS
SALES TO AUSTRALIA. OF BROADER INTEREST, CAN EXPECT QUESTIONS
ON US RELATIONS WITH CHINA, JAPAN AND INDIVIDUAL SEA NATIONS;
ON US-AUSTRALIAN ECONOMIC AFFAIRS SUCH AS WOOL, BEEF, FOREIGN
INVESTMENT, URANIUM AND MULTINATIONALS.

WILL HAVE DETAILED LIST OF ANTICIPATED QUESTIONS AVAILABLE
ON YOUR ARRIVAL.
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